FOREST.

Subject No. 1.
Free passes to remove firewood from private lands.

Summary of discussion.—Planters and raiyats are now required to obtain free passes from the Amildar to bring firewood from their private coffee and other lands. This entails delay as they have to put in petitions and obtain passes from the Taluk office. The restriction should therefore be withdrawn. It exists only in the Tarikere Taluk

Reply of Government.—The question is under consideration in connection with the Transit Rules, and will be dealt with at an early date.

Subject No. 2.
Permission to cut fuel trees in Amrit Mahal Kavals.

Summary of discussion.—Raiyats may be allowed to cut fuel trees on license in Amrit Mahal Kavals as in District Forests. The felling of such trees will improve the growth of grass for the Amrit Mahal Cattle.

Reply of Government.—This cannot be allowed.

Subject No. 3.
Free grant of fuel for making jaggery.

Summary of discussion.—Raiyats may be allowed to take such fuel as they may require for the preparation of jaggery without their having to take out a license therefor.

Reply of Government.—This will be referred to the Deputy Commissioner for disposal under para 9 of Notification camp No. 1483, dated 25th October 1888.

Subject No. 4.
Free grazing in District Forest.

Summary of discussion.—Owing to the failure of the south-west monsoon, it is requested that the Government may be pleased to allow free grazing in District Forests this year.

Reply of Government.—Not possible, nor necessary.

Subject No. 5.
Seigniorage on Firewood.

Summary of discussion.—The levy of seigniorage on firewood removed from forests may be discontinued, or if this is not possible, permission to fell and remove firewood for a period of 6 months a year at a time may be granted on payment of the seigniorage in advance.

Reply of Government.—The request for the abolition of the seigniorage is inadmissible. The present rule under which a small rate is levied per head-load or cart-load is more convenient.

Subject No. 6.
Enhancement of limit of Amildars' power to grant materials for re-building houses destroyed by fire.

Summary of discussion.—The limit of value up to which Amildars can grant materials to raiyats towards re-building houses destroyed by fire may be raised from Rs. 5 to Rs. 10, so as to save the delay in having to apply to the Deputy Commissioner whenever larger quantities are required.

Reply of Government.—Not necessary.

Subject No. 7.
Visits of Forest Officers to wood-yards.

Summary of discussion.—It would be well if Forest Officers, when they are at head-quarters, could stay one hour at least a day in the wood-yards to facilitate the purchase of wood by people.

Reply of Government.—The complaint seems to special reference to the Mysore City wood-yard. If t is any inconvenience, the Conservator will try to remov Referred to him accordingly.

Subject No, 8.
Grant of fallen trees in State Forests at privileged rates.

Summary of discussion.—Fallen trees in State For may be given to raiyats who have no jungles, at rates fi in the raiyats' privilege rules, or may be sold by auc every year on the spot.

Reply of Government.—The present arrangement, u which such trees are disposed of by the Forest Departn by auction or otherwise to the best advantage of Gov ment, will be continued.

Subject No. 9.
Grant of wood and bamboos at privileged rates to certain raiyats.

Summary of discussion.—The raiyats of villages wl jungles have been included in State Forests may be allo to take wood and bamboos in such Forests at the privile rates allowed to raiyats. Those who have no jungles be assigned certain tracts for getting their materials fr at the privileged rates.

Reply of Government.—Jungles have been assigne far as possible. If any village is without one, and sul in consequence, representation may be made to the Dep Commissioner.

Subject No. 10.
Permission to fell timber in Forests on licenses.

Summary of discussion.—Timber sold in depôts generally unfit for the use of raiyats, and they do not good timber there. They may therefore be permitte fell timber in the Forests on payment of seigniorage.

Reply of Government.—The Conservator is consider the matter; but the question is not ripe for orders. G ernment will await his report.

Subject No. 11.
Fines, &c., levied on cattle impounded in the newly opened Forest cattle pounds.

Summary of discussion.—The rates of fines and feed charges levied by the Forest Department on cattle impou ed in their newly opened cattle-pounds in State For are heavy as compared with those in village pounds, low-paid watchers are allowed to collect the same. S cattle may be ordered to be impounded in village pou the realizations being credited to the Forest Departm or, the rates prescribed for village pounds may be adop in forest pounds, and responsible officials appointed collect them.

Reply of Government.—Will be enquired into and posed of by Deputy Commissioners in communicat with the Conservator of Forests.

Subject No. 12.
Sandal trees growing on occupied lands

Summary of discussion.—Provision may be made allow of owners of occupied lands deriving some ben from sandal trees growing on their lands.

Reply of Government.—The present rules do not p mit this. It is a matter for future consideration. T Conservator will be consulted.